
CURA Annual Report, 2011–2012

This report provides an overview of the 191 projects and events CURA conducted last year. The projects served more than 30 different University departments, and more than 150 different local and state community organizations.

Research Projects: 71

23 Faculty and Graduate Student Research Projects

- 9 **Community Growth Planning Assistance Center**
 - ▶ David Pitt (Landscape Architecture), Analysis of Scenario and Visualization Tools for Transit-Corridor and Station-Area Planning
 - ▶ Carissa Schively Slotterback (Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs), Planned Unit Development Policies in the Twin Cities Region
 - ▶ Jeff Crump (Design, Housing, and Apparel), Residential Foreclosures in Hennepin County
 - ▶ Six graduate research assistant projects serving four cities and two organizations
- 1 **Dissertation Research Grant**
 - ▶ David Forest (Political Science), The Limits of Political Representation: Antipoverty Activism and the Urban Poor
- 2 **Faculty Interactive Research Program**
 - ▶ Moin Syed (Psychology), How Institutional Racism Operates in the Context of Early Childhood Education
 - ▶ Steve Yussen (Institute of Child Development), The Impact of Alternative Teacher Licensure in Minnesota

- 1 **Fesler-Lampert Chair in Urban and Regional Affairs**
 - ▶ Ann Masten (Institute of Child Development), Risk and Resilience in Homeless and Highly Mobile Children

- 8 **Hennepin–University Partnership**
 - ▶ Maria Hanratty (Humphrey School of Public Affairs), Risk Factors for Entering Family Shelter among Low-Income Hennepin County Families
 - ▶ Barbara McMorris (Center for Adolescent Nursing), Lead Peace Project
 - ▶ Six other projects of significance

2 New Initiatives

- 48 **Community-Based Research Projects** (195+ hours of research assistance per project)

16 Community Assistantship Program

9 Communiversity

21 Kris Nelson Neighborhood Research Program

2 Northside Seed Grant

Technical Assistance Projects: 103

- 31 **Minnesota Center for Neighborhood Organizing.** A total of 11 training sessions and 20 significant projects, serving 27 different organizations.

- 37 **Community GIS.** Maps and other products for community organizations requiring 5+ hours per project.

- 2 **Charles R. Krusell Fellowship in Community Development.** Two organizations supported by graduate fellows.

- 25 **Neighborhood Partnership Initiative.** A total of 41 organizations received cash grants.

- 8 **Hennepin–University Partnership.** Five Hennepin County departments served.

Public Events: 17

- 8 **CURA Housing Forums.** Average attendance: 40 people
- 2 **Reflective Seminars on Child Welfare for Practitioners.** Average attendance: 50 people
- 2 **CURA co-sponsored conferences:**
 - ▶ Minnesota Evaluation Studies Institute (provided four organization scholarships)

- ▶ Policy Analysis Conference (provided six organization scholarships)

5 Hennepin–University Partnership events:

- ▶ Speaker Series (three events). Average attendance: 15 people
- ▶ Forum on Community Engagement
- ▶ 2012 Networking Mixer

CURA Projects by Research Area	
44—Communities and Neighborhoods	22—Health, Human, and Social Services
18—Economic Development and Employment	19—Housing
21—Education	9—Land Use and Population
14—Environment and Energy	7—Sustainability
39—Geographic Information Systems	8—Transportation
10—Government and Public Policy	29—Underserved and Disadvantaged Groups*

Note: Some projects were classified under more than one research area.

* The following communities were served with at least one CURA project during the past year: African American, American Indian, Hmong, homeless, Korean, Kurdish, Laotian, Latino, low-income single mothers, runaway youth, Somali.

CURA in the News

CURA projects, programs, or personnel were featured in 50 local, state, and national news stories. Links to news stories featuring CURA can be found on the CURA website at www.cura.umn.edu/about/newsmakers.

University Departments and Programs Supported: 36

Academic Health Center

Carlson School of Management

- ▶ Marketing

College of Design

- ▶ Architecture
- ▶ Design, Housing and Apparel
- ▶ Landscape Architecture

College of Education and Human Development

- ▶ Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare
- ▶ Curriculum and Instruction
- ▶ Educational Psychology
- ▶ Family Social Science
- ▶ Institute of Child Development
- ▶ Organization Leadership, Policy, and Development
- ▶ School of Social Work

College of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resource Sciences

- ▶ Applied Economics
- ▶ Environmental Science, Policy, and Management
- ▶ Food, Animal, and Nutritional Science

College of Liberal Arts

- ▶ Art History
- ▶ Communications
- ▶ Economics
- ▶ Geographic Information Systems
- ▶ Geography
- ▶ Political Science
- ▶ Psychology
- ▶ Urban Studies
- ▶ Writing Studies

College of Science and Engineering

- ▶ Civil Engineering

Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs

- ▶ Center for Integrative Leadership
- ▶ Public Policy
- ▶ Public Affairs
- ▶ Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy
- ▶ Urban and Regional Planning

Law School

Medical School

- ▶ Healthy Youth Development–Prevention Research Center
- ▶ Medicine

School of Nursing

- ▶ Center for Adolescent Nursing
- ▶ Center for Spirituality and Healing

School of Public Health

- ▶ Public Health Administration and Policy

In FY 2012, CURA worked with 164 different community, state, and national organizations. They are listed below by geographic location.

Minneapolis

- ▶ All My Relations Art Gallery
- ▶ Bedlam Theater
- ▶ Beltrami Neighborhood Council
- ▶ The Bridge for Youth
- ▶ CANDO—Central Neighborhood
- ▶ Catalyst Community Partners—North Minneapolis
- ▶ Cedar Riverside Neighborhood Revitalization Program
- ▶ Cedar Riverside Youth Council
- ▶ The Center for Communication and Development—North Minneapolis
- ▶ City of Lakes Community Land Trust
- ▶ City View Apartment Community—North Minneapolis
- ▶ Concerned Hmong Community—North Minneapolis
- ▶ Corcoran Neighborhood Organization
- ▶ East Phillips Improvement Coalition
- ▶ East Side Neighborhood Services
- ▶ Elliot Park Neighborhood Association
- ▶ First Children's Finance
- ▶ Folwell Neighborhood Association
- ▶ Harrison Neighborhood Association
- ▶ Heritage Park Neighborhood Association—Sumner Glenwood Neighborhood
- ▶ Jordan Area Community Council—North Minneapolis
- ▶ Kingfield Neighborhood Association
- ▶ Kingsley Commons Residents Association—North Minneapolis
- ▶ Lao Assistance Center of MN—North Minneapolis
- ▶ Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association—North Minneapolis
- ▶ Little Earth of United Tribes
- ▶ Longfellow Community Council
- ▶ Lyndale Neighborhood Association
- ▶ McKinley Community CSA (community-supported agriculture)
- ▶ Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association
- ▶ Mill City Consulting
- ▶ Minneapolis Public Schools
- ▶ Nawayee Center School
- ▶ Northeast Community Development Corporation
- ▶ Northeast Senior Services
- ▶ Northside Achievement Zone—North Minneapolis
- ▶ Northway Community Trust—North Minneapolis
- ▶ Phillips West Neighborhood Organization—North Minneapolis
- ▶ Pillsbury House Neighborhood Center
- ▶ Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association
- ▶ Powderhorn Residents Group
- ▶ Prospect Park Neighborhood Association
- ▶ Seward Neighborhood Group
- ▶ Somali American Community, Inc.
- ▶ St. Anthony East Neighborhood Association
- ▶ St. Stephen's Catholic Church
- ▶ Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association
- ▶ Urban Baby—Jordan Neighborhood
- ▶ Victory Neighborhood Association—North Minneapolis

Minneapolis *continued*

- ▶ West Bank Business Association
- ▶ West Bank Community Development Corporation
- ▶ West Broadway Business and Area Coalition—North Minneapolis
- ▶ YWCA of Minneapolis

Saint Paul

- ▶ Aurora St. Anthony Neighborhood Development Corporation
- ▶ City of St. Paul Planning and Economic Development Department
- ▶ Dayton's Bluff Community Council (District 4)
- ▶ District 1 Community Council—Dale and West Bank Stations, Central Corridor Light Rail
- ▶ East Side Neighborhood Development Company (District 2)
- ▶ East Side Prosperity Campaign—St. Paul Near East Neighborhoods (District 2)
- ▶ Frogtown Gardens (District 7)
- ▶ Frogtown Neighborhood Association (District 7)
- ▶ Hamline Midway Coalition
- ▶ The Neighborhood Developers Alliance—West Side (District 3)
- ▶ Payne Phalen Planning Council (District 5)
- ▶ Saint Paul Ward 1 (District 1)
- ▶ SPARC MN (District 6)
- ▶ St. Anthony Park Community Council—Raymond-University Ave. Area (District 12)
- ▶ St. Paul Port Authority—West Side (District 3)
- ▶ Union Park District Council—Union Park Neighborhood (District 8)
- ▶ West Side Community Organization—West Side (District 3)

Hennepin County Departments

- ▶ County Attorney
- ▶ Environmental Services
- ▶ Housing, Community Works, and Transit
- ▶ Human Resources
- ▶ Human Services and Public Health Department
- ▶ Library
- ▶ Public Affairs
- ▶ Research, Planning, and Development
- ▶ Taxpayer Services
- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Veterans Affairs

Greater Twin Cities

- ▶ The Achievement Gap Committee
- ▶ Aeon Developers
- ▶ Africa Network for Development
- ▶ American Indian Cancer Foundation
- ▶ Boys and Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities
- ▶ Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis
- ▶ Center for Earth, Energy, and Democracy
- ▶ City of Brooklyn Park
- ▶ City of Burnsville
- ▶ City of Corcoran

Greater Twin Cities *continued*

- ▶ City of Rosemount Southwest Metro Chamber of Commerce—Carver, Chanhassen, Chaska, and Victoria
- ▶ City of Roseville Housing and Redevelopment Authority
- ▶ City of Victoria
- ▶ Common Bond Communities
- ▶ Community Table Cooperative
- ▶ E-Democracy
- ▶ Family Means—Lake Elmo
- ▶ The Family Partnership
- ▶ Free Geek Twin Cities
- ▶ Harvest Moon Backyard Farmers
- ▶ HIRED
- ▶ Hope Community
- ▶ Interfaith Outreach and Community Partners: Hamel, Long Lake, Medicine Lake, Medina, Minnetonka Beach, Orono, Plymouth, and Wayzata
- ▶ International Institute of Minnesota
- ▶ Jewish Community Action
- ▶ Legal Rights Center
- ▶ MetroGIS
- ▶ Metropolitan Council
- ▶ Minneapolis Consortium of Community Developers
- ▶ Minnesota Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities
- ▶ Minnesota Transgender Health Coalition
- ▶ Native American Community Development Institute
- ▶ Penumbra Theatre
- ▶ Seeds of Change
- ▶ Springboard for the Arts
- ▶ St. Stephens Catholic Church
- ▶ Transit for Livable Communities
- ▶ *Twin Cities Metro* Magazine
- ▶ Urban Homeworks
- ▶ William Mitchell Community Development Clinic
- ▶ YouthCare MN
- ▶ Youthprise Minnesota

Greater Minnesota

- ▶ Brainerd Lakes Chamber Education Association
- ▶ Brainerd Public Schools
- ▶ Central Lakes College—Brainerd
- ▶ CHILD Network—Carleton County
- ▶ Dovetail Partners—Cook County
- ▶ Friends of Lake Wakanda Chain of Lakes—Willmar
- ▶ Greater Bemidji Area Joint Planning Board
- ▶ Greater Minnesota Housing Fund
- ▶ Hometown Minnesota—Becker, Otter Tail, Hubbard, Cass, Wadena, Morrison, Crow Wing, and Todd Counties
- ▶ Kurdish Community of America—Moorhead
- ▶ Lakewood Health System—Staples
- ▶ Onamia Healthy Communities Partnership—Brainerd Lakes Area
- ▶ Polk County Community Health Services
- ▶ Polk County Public Health
- ▶ Region Five Development Commission—Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena Counties
- ▶ Stearns-Benton Employment and Training Council
- ▶ Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission—Appleton
- ▶ WesMin Resource Conservation and Development Council—Wadena
- ▶ Winona County

Statewide

- ▶ Association for the Advancement of Hmong Women of Minnesota
- ▶ Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES)
- ▶ Edemocracy.org
- ▶ Envision Minnesota
- ▶ Farmers' Legal Action Group, Inc.
- ▶ Joint Religious Legislative Coalition
- ▶ JUST Equity
- ▶ Land Stewardship Project
- ▶ Minnesota Department of Education
- ▶ Minnesota Housing Partnership
- ▶ Minnesota Immigrant Rights Action Committee
- ▶ Minnesota Land Trust
- ▶ Minnesota Literacy Council
- ▶ NAMI Minnesota
- ▶ Northwest Area Foundation
- ▶ Women's Initiative for Self Empowerment

National

- ▶ Local Initiatives Support Corporation
- ▶ National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership
- ▶ National States Geographic Information Council
- ▶ National Youth Leadership Council
- ▶ Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA)
- ▶ Volunteers of America

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